



CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 28, 2015  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 7:00 PM  
City Hall, 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia OR 97064

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**Mission Statement**

The City of Vernonia pledges to be an ethical and responsive government using community collaboration to foster leadership and a vision for civic improvement while providing a safe, peaceful, economically viable community.

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**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Parrow**

Mayor Parrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Additions or Removal of Agenda Items**

Councilor McNair had an addition to the agenda of the LaChapelle property issue. Councilor Hult made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Terry LaChapelle under Old Business by Councilor Hult, seconded by Councilor Seager, Motion carried.

**3. New Business**

**A. Review of Lease between City of Vernonia Senior Citizens & Vernonia Cares Food Bank**

The lease doesn't require \$10m insurance coverage, due to the fact that the City's insurance will cover anything other than accidents. A joint insurance coverage between the Food Bank and Senior Center of \$2m is required for events. The lease agreement renews every 15 years. Jack Harvey, President of Vernonia Senior Citizens, said that the agreement looked amenable to him. Mayor Parrow asked about the clause stating that utility hookups will be provided by the City. The money for these is provided for via the Grant. The money just is funneled through the City. Councilor McNair asked whether money will be set aside for maintenance. Yes, \$2,000 per year will be held by the City of Vernonia, and a building maintenance committee made up of members from all three entities will make recommendations to Council on expenditures for maintenance.

**B. Approval of Lease Agreement**

Councilor Seager made the following motion, "I move that the City Council approve the lease agreement between the City of Vernonia and Vernonia Senior Citizens and Vernonia Cares Food Bank as presented and authorize the City Administrator to sign it." Councilor Hult seconded the motion, motion carried.

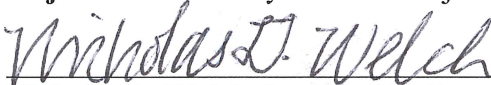
**4. Unfinished Business**

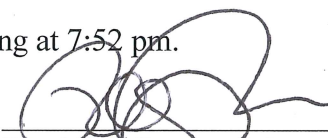
**A. LaChapelle Property Issue**

Public Works dug up the sewer line and there was a hole in the City's main sewer line, which caused the overflow problems. Public Works made a new connection and installed a new sewer mainline. It's fixed, but Mr. LaChapelle is still upset and is planning on coming to the Council Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> to share his feelings with Council. Councilor McNair would like there to be an accounting of where in the process of dealing with this issue did something go wrong so staff has the ability to learn from this issue. He would like a little time to be spent on creating a timeline. Council consensus was to direct City Administrator Mitchell to investigate this issue.

**City Administrator**

**Adjournment** – Mayor Parrow adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

  
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Nicholas D. Welch, Interim City Recorder

  
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Randall J. Parrow, Mayor